

2006 TAC CONFERENCE

We want to thank all of you that attended our 2006 TAC Conference and provided the input that we need to help you do your jobs.

We especially want to thank those individuals who gave presentations, as well as the people at the SUU Public Safety who helped us in every way possible.

Don't forget to send your 2006-2007 User Agreements to BCI by June 30. Also make sure to send us your Agency Information Validation Forms (ORI Validation Forms) and your Training Rosters to BCI as soon as possible.

Your agency administrator (and not the TAC) must sign the User Agreement! Make sure it is dated 2006-2007.

If you're a TAC that needs to be tested this year, you can find the test at www.bci.utah.gov/test.html. Please view your REPT transaction if you are not sure when your testing certification expires.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to the 2006 TAC of the Year, Rayma Towne from the Layton PD!

Since BCI had so many excellent candidates to choose from, we can really say Rayma is the cream of the crop! Congratulations and good work Rayma!

NCIC MANUALS

If you've received your 2006 *BCI Operating Manual* on CD at the TAC Conference (or were given one by your representative at the conference) you've probably noticed we did not include sections on NCIC and NCIC Entry.

As the NCIC already produces its own manuals on the subjects of NCIC inquiry and NCIC entry, BCI felt we were duplicating efforts, and could use our time in more effective ways.

For specific questions on Utah's NCIC screens, please see the NCIC presentations on the TAC web site, or contact the Help Desk at 801-965-4446.

CAVEAT MESSAGES ON VGTOF HITS

You know that big chunk of words that you get at the beginning of a VGTOF hit? The paragraphs you skip over to get down to the name of the individual? (We know you do it!)

Well – please don't skip over those messages! They contain valuable information about how to handle the individual of record. Also, they usually contain a phone number that you should call at your earliest possible convenience – especially in the case of terrorists! An example of such a message can be seen here:

CONTACT THE TERRORIST SCREENING CENTER AT (866) 555-9001 FOR ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING THIS DETERMINATION.

Without receiving your information on these individuals, federal law enforcement may be missing out on valuable information they need in order to do their jobs. You also might be missing out on information vital to your safety!

Please be sure to read the caveats at the beginning of all other NCIC "hits." Particularly the ones that say "Do not arrest based on this hit alone."

ILLEGAL USE OF CHILD'S SSN IN ID THEFT

Deseret Morning News
June 14, 2006

PROVO, UT — An illegal immigrant who is accused of using the Social Security number of a 2-year-old Blanding child was arrested Tuesday afternoon in Orem.

An 18-year old man was charged in 4th District Court with forgery and identity fraud — two third-degree felonies — for allegedly stealing a government identification number so he could work at Utah County businesses. The offender applied for a job at Sundance on August 24 using a fake Social Security card, police said. The number on the card belonged to a 2-year-old child. After getting in touch with local police, the family was referred to the Utah Attorney General's Office and the case was assigned to Lt. Kevin Pepper, who works on the FBI Identity Theft Task Force. After an investigation, Pepper charged the offender on May 30 and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The man is being held in the Utah County Jail on an immigration hold.

The above is a summary from the June 14, 2006 Deseret Morning News.

IDENTITY THEFT WEB SITE



All of us are affected, or can be affected, by Identity Theft. This includes effects on our personal lives as well as our professional lives. For more information, please see the Federal Trade Commission web site about identity theft — information for victims, businesses, law enforcement, and the public in general:

<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>

MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS ON NCIC?

NCIC has recently decided to let states enter warrants for misdemeanors on to the NCIC system. (In the past, only warrant for felonies or serious misdemeanors could be entered.)

Each state will decide if it wishes to put its misdemeanor warrants on NCIC. At the current time, Utah has no plans to begin doing so.

According to the current FBI plans, these misdemeanor warrants will start showing on NCIC in September of 2006. Watch for further information on how to inquire upon these warrants, or narrow your searches to only felonies, etc.

CSI – MOTHER NATURE

CSI – Mother Nature? How can insects, plants, bacteria, and other natural phenomena solve crimes? A recent episode of "Nature" on PBS outlined many ways natural methods have been used to solve murders. For more information, please see:



www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/crimescene/resources.html

<http://www.forensic-entomology.com/>

<http://web.utk.edu/~anthrop/index.htm>

QUICK FACT – SSN HELP

Do you think an offender is using a deceased person's SSN? Do you think a complainant in a case has passed away?

Try the free "Social Security Death Index" which can be found many places on the web, such as

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3693>

QUICK FACT – CTRL-N

You are entering a warrant into NCIC, and want to have the individual's driver license screen and the NCIC entry screen both open on your PC. Is there a way to do that?

YES! If you have the UCJIS web page open, hit **CTRL-N**. That will open up another UCJIS page – and you don't even have to log in again! You can even keep hitting CTRL-N to have many more screens open at once.

Dispatchers have told us they will use a different screen for each officer. Others like to have separate UCJIS screens open while making NCIC entries.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT CENTER

Law Enforcement Support Center

The Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) serves as a national enforcement operations center by providing timely immigration status and identity information to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies on aliens suspected, arrested or convicted of criminal activity. The LESL operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week assisting law enforcement agencies with information gathered from 8 DHS databases, NCIC, the Interstate Identification Index (III) and other state criminal history indices.

In addition to providing real time assistance to law enforcement agencies that are investigating, or have arrested, foreign-born individuals involved in criminal activity, the LESL also performs the following investigative functions:

National Crime Information Center (NCIC) - The LESL administers and controls immigration related cases in this nationwide law enforcement consortium and criminal database for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Investigative Services Branch - The LESL provides support to a host of on-going multi-agency investigative initiatives. Working in concert with ICE field units, task forces and other local, state and federal investigators the Center gathers, analyzes and responds to thousands of off-line query requests.

Special Response - The LESL is the central point of contact for the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) program. Every foreign-born firearm applicant is screened by the LESL for immigration status before being authorized to purchase or possess a weapon. The LESL also handles queries and field responses relating to national security employment issues (Bio-Terrorism, CDL with Haz-Mat endorsement, Nuclear Industry, etc.)

The LESL Communications Center serves the law enforcement community with NCIC hit confirmation information as well as ICE Special Agents and Deportation Officers nationwide with after-hours telephonic enforcement support via digitally recorded duty lines confirmed by Personal Identification Numbers.

In what is perhaps an ICE record, an ICE criminal fugitive was identified by ICE agents at the LESL on July 8, 2004, just two hours and eighteen minutes after the warrant was entered into NCIC by an LESL technician, and just hours after an arrest warrant had been issued.

LESL Quick Facts
DHS-2ICE "Hot-Line" calls
FY2005 - 98,857
FY2004 - 27,671

UCR/IBR

In May 2006 the Utah Uniform Crime Reporting Program participated in a Quality Assurance Review conducted by the UCJIS Division of the FBI. The FBI visited the following agencies to look at their UCR data: Ogden City PD, Tooele City PD, Salt Lake City PD, Murray PD, Orem Public Safety, Utah County Sheriff's Office, Provo City PD and Springville PD. We appreciate the time that these agencies took in responding to the QAR.

During these audits we learned that we need to make some changes concerning the following reporting practices:

LEOKA – (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted) - all Utah agencies should be submitting the paper forms when an officer is killed or assaulted. BCI also needs information if no officers were killed or assaulted in your agency for the month. These forms need to be submitted monthly, and agencies can use the form found at www.bci.utah.gov/UCRIBR/UCRIBRHome.html.

The FBI uses the information they gather from these LEOKA forms to determine the most dangerous situations for officers, and prepares training materials and methods based on this information. Please do your part to help your fellow officer – or yourself!

If you do not have any LEOKA information for the month, you may send an email stating such to Mary Ann Curtis at macurtis@utah.gov or Della Riquelme at DRIQUELME@utah.gov.

ARSON REPORTS – we are now collecting data on arsons from the law enforcement agencies themselves. (In the past, BCI received this information from the Utah State Fire Marshal.) These forms also need to be submitted monthly, with data concerning any incidents of arson that were reported to your agency. Also, if your agency did not have any arson incidents during that month,

that fact needs to be reported also. If you do not have any arson information for the month, you may send an email stating such to Mary Ann Curtis at macurtis@utah.gov or Della Riquelme at DRIQUELME@utah.gov.

HATE CRIMES – these also should be reported on the correct forms, but we also need to know if there were no hate crimes committed during each month. Again, the forms to report hate crimes are on our web site. If you do not have any hate crime information for the month, you may send an email stating that to Mary Ann Curtis at macurtis@utah.gov or Della Riquelme at DRIQUELME@utah.gov.

Just a reminder that all the forms listed above can be found at www.bci.utah.gov.

IDENTITY THEFT

There are many questions concerning the scoring of offenses commonly called “identity theft.” In NIBRS there is no classification for the offense of “Identity Theft”; how you would classify this would depend on the offense that was committed.

In order to determine the offense you would need to ask the victim how the offender obtained their information. This could happen in many different ways, such as the offender stealing their identifying information from a credit card application that came to the victim (23H – Larceny all other) or the offender may be an employee of the credit card company and embezzled that information while at work (270 – Embezzlement), or the offender could have stolen a box of checks out of a mailbox (23H – Larceny all other).

If the victim does not know how the offender obtained the information, most likely you would classify it as 26C – Fraud – (Impersonation). So you can see that depending on the circumstances you may code this differently each time. If a computer was used to obtain the identifying information, then the field “Offender Suspected of Using” would be coded “C” = Computer Equipment.

The property involved in the above circumstances may differ also. The offender may have obtained a credit card, they may have forged checks or they may have received access to a building. Depending on what the offender obtained, that would determine the property that is reported in connection with that offense.

Sometimes there may be a question of jurisdiction or what agency should report the crime of identity

theft. The FBI has stated, “For UCR purposes, an offense of identity theft should be reported by the agency which received the original complaint. The key is reporting the offense in the jurisdiction where it ‘became known to law enforcement’”.

If you have any questions regarding classification of identity theft for NIBRS reporting contact Mary Ann Curtis at 801 965-4812. For summary based agencies, contact Della Riquelme at 801 965-4454.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The 2005 Preliminary Crime in Utah Report is on the BCI web site. Any corrections to this data will be captured in the final report if the NIBRS or summary data is received by BCI prior to June 30, 2006.

During the QAR by the FBI we were also informed that data must be submitted to BCI by the 7th of the month instead of the 10th of the month. This is so that we are able to get the data to the FBI by that date.

MISSING PERSONS

UNIDENTIFIED BODIES, NCIC, AND KUDOS FOR UTAH!

NCIC helps detective identify remains found at fire site in Utah.

In July 2005, firefighters in Washington County located human remains in an area where they had contained a large wildfire. Evidence at the scene indicated that the person died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, but because of the fire, only burned bones and some scorched personal items—including house keys, a handgun, and a cell phone—remained.

The county medical examiner determined that the remains were that of a man over 50 years of age who had arthritis and an old injury, a fractured left arm that had healed. Using the medical examiner’s report, a detective (Shauna Jones) with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office entered the information about the man and his belongings into NCIC on July 13. The following day, NCIC returned approximately 200 missing person records that contained matching information.

The detective narrowed the list to less than 50 based on the location and time frame that the people were reported missing. The detective then ranked the list of missing persons according to

those she believed were the most likely to match the remains the firemen had found.

In her first attempt to identify the man, the detective contacted the entering agency, but was informed her that the subject of the record was no longer missing and the agency was in the process of removing his name from the Missing Person File. Moving to the second most likely candidate, the detective contacted the Summit County Sheriff's Office. The detective learned that the missing person from Summit County had last used his cell phone near where the body was found in Washington County. The medical examiner was later able to substantiate the identity of the remains as the missing person from Summit County through medical evidence. On July 31, for further confirmation following this identification, the detective took the house keys recovered at the scene to the man's home and used it to open the door.

In a letter to NCIC administrators, the detective said she was pleased to have solved the case and that the experience had demonstrated to her the value of the NCIC System.

UTAHNS' HONORED AT NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales Marks National Missing Children's Day **Utah receives awards!**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales commemorated National Missing Children's Day by honoring law enforcement and citizens nationwide for their valiant efforts to recover missing and exploited children at a Department of Justice (DOJ) ceremony today.

The first-ever commemorative AMBER Alert stamp will be available nationwide today. A concurrent stamp issuance ceremony occurred today at the City Hall in Arlington, Texas, where Amber Hagerman lived and for whom AMBER Alert is named.

AMBER Alerts have saved the lives of more than 265 children since the program began in 1996. In 2005, the Department of Justice met its goal having

statewide AMBER Alert plans in all 50 states. The Justice Department is now working with Canada and Mexico to have plans in place in case children are abducted across our northern or southern borders, and in July, the Justice Department will invite the Native American community to a conference on AMBER Alert to discuss the use of this tool in Indian country.

AMBER Alert Citizen Awards:

***Chastity Angell and Mike Butcher, Ivins Utah**

Mike Butcher and his wife Chastity Angell saw an AMBER Alert for two handicapped brothers. Their non-custodial mother who had a history of violence, drug abuse and suffered from psychotic schizophrenia had abducted the boys. Chastity made a point to remember the letters and numbers of the car's license plate issued in the AMBER Alert with a phrase and a date. In this case 719VMN became "July 19 - Very Macho Name."

The next day Mike saw a car that resembled the one mentioned in the alert. He asked his wife for the license plate number and they realized it was the suspect's vehicle. The couple called the Ivins City Police Department and followed the suspect's car. On the 911 tape, Chastity can be heard yelling driving instructions at her husband while they are in pursuit. The mother was arrested and the children were recovered 2 minutes after the call was made to police.

2006 National Courage Award: For the Attempted Abduction of Mickenzie Smith

***Mickenzie Smith, West Haven, Utah**

Nine-year-old Kaidan Smith and his sister, 12-year-old Mickenzie Smith, were returning home on their bikes in West Haven, Utah, when they were approached by a pickup truck belonging to 22-year-old Damon Victor Crist. Crist approached the two children and when they declined his offer of a ride home, he lunged after Mickenzie and despite her kicking and screaming, managed to throw her in the back seat of his truck and drive off. Kaidan ran to get help while Mickenzie continued to fight Crist. Frustrated, Crist ordered Mickenzie out of the truck and took off down the road. Mickenzie provided a detailed description of Crist to police and he was found and arrested on felony kidnapping charges and has since been sentenced to 10 years to life.

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